



Whereas the Queenes Maestie our most gracious soueraigne Ladie, by reason of the plague and pestilence, as well in the Citie of London, as in the Citie of Westminster, did lately by her Highnes proclamation adiourne part of the Terme of Saint Michael, that is to say, from the vtas thereof, vntill Mensis Michaelis, then to haue begun at the said Citie of Westminster, as at the place accustomed, her Maestie had very great hope that the said sickness, by the fauour of Almighty God, and by the coldenesse of the yeare, and other occasions, by that time would haue ceased. Neuerthelesse her Highnes being credibly informed, that the said sickness increaseth within the said Cities of London and Westminster, is therefore minded for the better preservation of her good Subiects of all degrees, that should repaire to London and Westminster by reason of the Terme, to adiourne the saide Terme from Mensis Michaelis aforesaid, vntill the returne of the same Terme, commonly called Crastino Martini, next comming, then to begin at Westminster as hath bene accustomed. Which her Maestie signifieth to all and singuler her louing subiects of this her Realme, to the intent, that they, and euery of them, which hath cause or commandement to appeare in any of her highnesse courts at Westminster, on, or at any day or time, from, and after the said Mensis Michaelis, may tary at their dwellings, or where their businesse otherwise shall lye, without resorting to any of the said Courts for that cause, before the said returne of Crastino Martini next comming, and that without danger of forfeiture, penaltie, or contempt, to incurre towards her ^{Highnes} Maestie in that behalfe. And neuerthelesse her Highnes pleasure is, that two of her Iustices, that is to say, of either bench one, shal the said Mensis Michaelis, according to the ancient order, adiourne her said two Courts at Westminster, at which day writtes of adiournement shalbe directed to the saide Iustices, to adiourne the same, in and from the said Mensis Michaelis, vntill the said returne of Crastino Martini, as before is said: And her Maesties pleasure is, that all matters, causes & suites, depending in any of her other Courts betweene partie and partie, as in her Highnes Courts of Chancerie, Starre chamber, and Exchequer, Courts of wards and liueries, and Duchie of Lancaster, shall haue continuance, & the parties shall haue day from the date of these presents vntill the said returne of Crastino Martini as before is said.

Provided alwayes, and her Maesties pleasure and commandement is, that all Collectors, Receiuers, Sherifes, and other accomptants, and all other persons that ought or should accompt or pay any summe or summes of money in any of her Maesties court of Exchequer, courts of wards and liueries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or any of them, or to enter into any accompt in any of the saide courts, shall at their dayes appointed, repaire vnto the accustomed places at Westminster, where her Highnesse hath appointed such officers and ministers, as for that purpose her Maestie hath thought expedient, and there to pay, and doe in euery behalfe, as though no such proclamation of adiournement had bene had or made, any thing mentioned in this proclamation, or in any writ of adiournement to the contrary, notwithstanding. And her Highnes further pleasure and commandement is, that all Sherifes shall returne their writtes and procelle against all such accomptants and debtors at the dayes therein appointed. And if any person or persons who ought to accompt or pay any summe or summes of money to her Maestie in any the said Courts & places aforesaid, do make default therein, That then her Highnes writtes & procelle shalbe awarded, and sent forth against euery such person and persons, and the same to be duely and orderly serued and returned by the Sherifes and Officers thereunto appointed, in such like manner and forme as the same should haue bene, if this present proclamation had not bene made. And if any Sheriffe or other Officer shall make default, or be negligent in seruing, executing and returning any the said writtes and procelle aforesaid: That then euery such Sheriffe and other Officer shall incurre such paines and penalties, as by the saide Courts, or any of them shalbe taxed and assessed: Willing and commanding all and euery her Maesties Sherifes, officers, ministers and subiectes, to whom it doth or shall appertaine, to obserue and keep their assemblies and appearances, with all their returnes and certificats in her Highnesse said Courts at Westminster, in the saide returne of Crastino Martini, next comming, then and there with the fauour of God, to be holden & kept, & there to do their offices and dueties in euery behalfe, in like maner & forme as they should or ought to haue done, if this present proclamation had not bene had or made, as they will answere to the contrary at their perils.

Given at her Maesties Maner of Richmond the xx. day of October, in the twentieth yeere of our Raigne.

God saue the Queene.

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to the Queenes Maestie.